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SILEX, MO MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER-FOR-HIRE

St. Louis, Missouri: Glen Thomas Dotson was convicted of charges stemming from a 2005 murder-for-hire plot to kill a St. Charles bail bondsman, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today.

“Testimony at trial detailed how Mr. Dotson and Virgil Jackson plotted to kill a rival bondsman to eliminate their competition in the area,” said Hanaway. “Mr. Jackson is serving a ten-year sentence for his part of the conspiracy, and now his partner is facing the same amount of time.”

“This successful prosecution epitomizes how federal and local law enforcement agencies can work together, pooling their resources to attack violent criminal activity such as this conspiracy to commit murder for hire and unlawful firearm transfer. ATF remains committed to reducing firearm’s related violence through tenacious investigative efforts. ATF Assistant Special Agent in Charge Jeffrey Fulton wants to express his appreciation to the St. Charles Police Department and the U. S. Attorney’s Office for their support during this lengthy investigation and prosecution.”

Between December 2004 and October 2005, Dotson conspired with Virgil Jackson to murder Jackson’s rival bail bondsman Jerry Cox. In October 2005, in a series of telephone calls, Jackson arranged to meet with a confidential informant at a restaurant in St. Charles, MO, with instructions on how to kill Cox, and agreed to provide the informant with a firearm and bullets. After the meeting, they traveled to Cox's place of employment and Jackson showed him the method of the murder, which included shooting Cox outside his place of business and disposing of his body in the Missouri River at a landing area in St. Charles. On October 22, 2005, Glen Dotson gave Jackson, a known felon, a five-shot revolver, which Jackson gave to the confidential informant to commit the murder.

Dotson, 43, Silex, MO, was convicted of one felony count of conspiracy to commit murder for hire and one felony count of conspiracy to provide a firearm to a convicted felon. The six-day trial was held before United States District Judge Henry Autrey.

Dotson now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000, per count, when he is sentenced on August 7, 2008.

Virgil Jackson, a St. Charles bail bondsman, was sentenced to 120 months in prison on charges involving a 2005 murder-for-hire plot to kill a rival bondsman in November 2007.

Hanaway commended the work on the case by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), St. Charles Police Department, and Assistant United States Attorneys Dean Hoag and John Sauer, who prosecuted the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.